

KIRTLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held remotely (Zoom) Tuesday 19th March 2021 at 6p.m.

Present: Ms Trudy Brock, Mrs K Buckingham-Fry, Ms Jean Conway, Dr Briony Enser, S Jenkins, Mrs R Powles (Clerk), D Richardson (Chairman)

	Action
<p>1. <u>Apologies</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p>2. <u>Declarations of pecuniary interests / other conflicts of interest</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p>3. <u>Planning</u></p> <p>21/00369/F - Kirtlington Post Office Stores - resubmission of application for change of use to residential</p> <p>Councillors discussed the material planning considerations and the significance of the application to the community:</p> <p>Whether there were changes in material planning considerations to differentiate this from the original application (19/02888/F), although the Case Officer advised that confidential additional financial information had been submitted; whether there was evidence that the shop had been advertised for sale as such; whether there was evidence that the shop was non-viable; whether the village could still support a village shop; the value of a shop and/or Post Office to the community; the value of a Post Office to the shop owner; the effect of the timing of the application during the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdowns; whether there was potential for any replacement such as a community-run shop; whether there were potential alternative premises for a shop and/or Post Office; the role of the Parish Council in representing the community and with regard to its membership of the Mid-Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>The Council recorded an equal vote of three in support of the application and three against but noted also the difficulties associated with either position. It was resolved therefore to submit a response to Cherwell District Council to advise of the equal vote and to set out the detail of the points discussed with the aim of providing neutral account.</p> <p><i>Clerk's note: the response submitted to Cherwell DC on 22nd March 2021 is the Council's record of the discussion and will be filed with these Minutes.</i></p> <p>4. <u>Finance</u></p> <p>There were no matters to report.</p> <p>5. <u>Councillors' reports and items for future agendas</u></p> <p><i>Minor matters of information not elsewhere on the agenda (not for debate/decision; agenda items for future meetings:</i></p> <p>None.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.</p> <p>Signed D.M.RICHARDSON Chairman</p> <p>Date 4 MAY 2021</p>	